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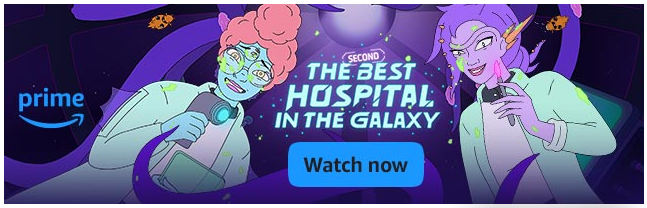

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The House Without a Christmas Tree

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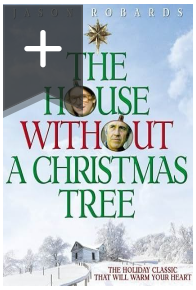

Drama Family

In 1946 Nebraska, a young girl named Addie desperately craves a Christmas tree, but her bitter widower father refuses because of events from the family's past.

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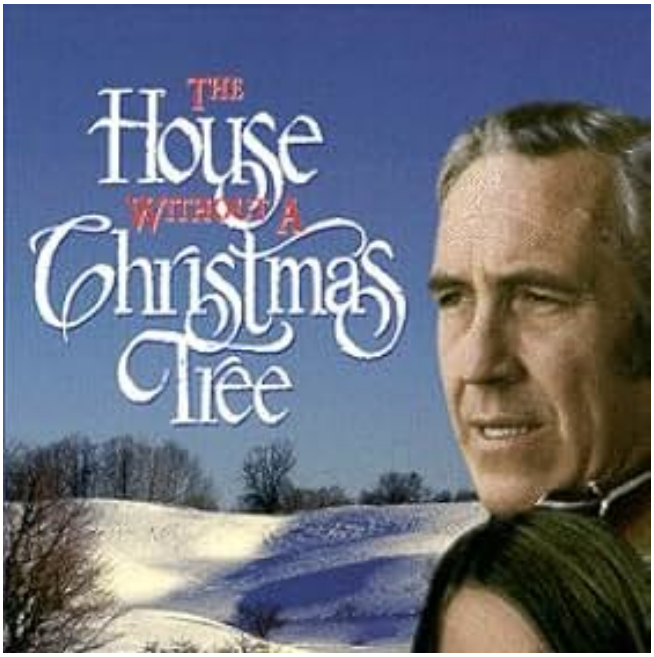

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Jason Robards
Jamie Mills

Mildred Natwick
Grandma Mills

Lisa Lucas
Addie Mills

Kathryn Walker
Miss Thompson

Alexa Kenin
Carla Mae

Murray Westgate
Mr. Brady, the druggist

Maya Kenin
Mrs. Cott (as Maya Kenin Ryan)

Brady McNamara
Billy Wild (as Brady MacNamara)

Gail Dunsome

Heather Graham

Gloria Cott

Classmate (uncredited)

Patricia Hamilton
Narrator (uncredited)

Karen Pearson
Classmate (uncredited)

Director Paul Bogart

Writers Eleanor Perry Gail Rock

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Trivia

Each act of the story featured collages that opened and closed it between commercial breaks. The collage artist who assembled these for the story, Norman Sunshine, won an Emmy Award for them. He later assembled other collages for The Thanksgiving Treasure.

Goofs

The miniature Christmas lights that can be seen on the tree in the drugstore, and in with the Christmas decorations that Addie's father brings home, did not exist in 1946. This type of Christmas light was not introduced in America until about 1950, and didn't really become a dominant force in holiday lighting until the 1960s. The light strings that would have been used in 1946 would likely have been 8-bulb sets using c6 bulbs, or 15-bulb sets using c7 bulbs.

Quotes

Addie Mills: ...Why won't you buy me a tree, Dad? I'll settle for a small one.
Jamie Mills: I've already told you no, and no means no!
Addie Mills: What's this all about, money? Because you spend more on cigarettes in a year than one tree costs. I added it up myself!
Jamie Mills: ADDIE! Will you stop pestering me and go to bed!
Addie Mills: Just tell me it looks like Christmas in here. Or feels like it!
Jamie Mills: How would you like me to take a belt to you?
Addie Mills: How would you like me to beg?

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Connections

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FEATURED REVIEW 10/10

a wonderful story

This is the story of the relationship between a 10 year old girl and her bitter stern father and one special Christmas when they were able to see through each other' eyes. It should be shown every year on TV. We have a copy and my daughter and I watch it once or twice every December. None of the kids are smart mouthed like kids in movies are so often today. They are not too sweet or babyish either.They act like real 10 year old kids. The story moves along at a good pace. The setting of 1940's Nebraska adds to the story. Lisa Lucas as 10 year old Addie was excellent. The supporting characters enhance the story and are very realistic. I especially like the character of the grandmother. This movie will be enjoyed by all ages who like good quality entertainment.

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Details

Release date December 3, 1972 (United States)

Country of origin United States

Official site The Addie Mills Page

Language English

Filming locations Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada (the house and school)

Production company CBS Television Network

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Technical specs

Runtime 1 hour 15 minutes

Color Color

Sound mix Mono

Aspect ratio 1.33 : 1

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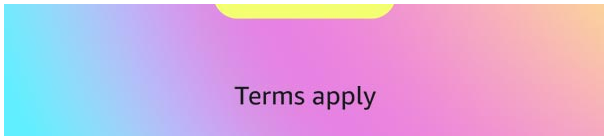

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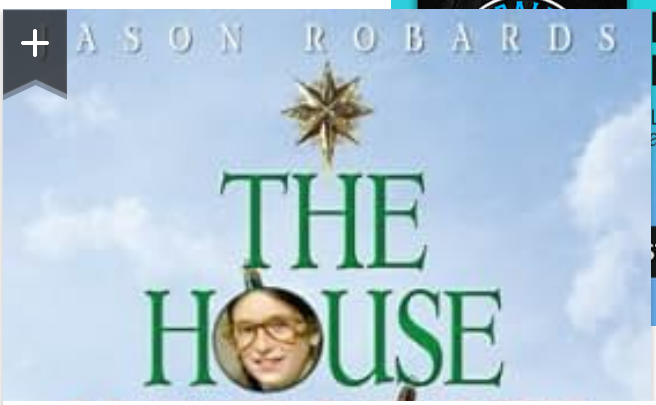

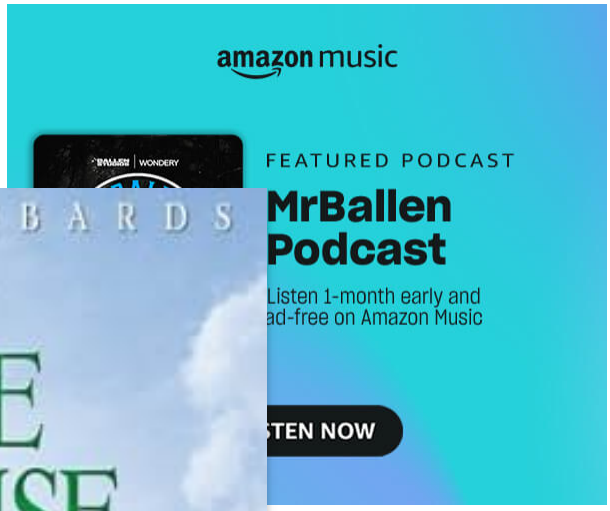

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